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SUBJECT: MATANZIMA REJECTS SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
AND STATES TRANSKEI WILL APPLY FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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1. DESPITE THE UNITED NATIONS' SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S REJECTION OF POSSIBLE UN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TRANSKEI, PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA STILL INSISTS THE TRANSKEI WILL APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLD ORGANIZATION FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE IN OCTOBER 1976. IN HIS REACTION TO THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S ACTION, MATANZIMA ACCUSED UN OF 1) ADHERING TO A DOUBLE STANDARD--PURPORTING TO BE ANTI-COLONIAL WHILE NEVERTHELESS OPPOSING THE TRANSKEI'S EFFORT TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE AND CLAIMING THE TRANSKEI WILL LACK "TRUE" INDEPENDENCE DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT NUMBERS SEVERAL OTHER "MINI-STATES", WHICH ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THEIR FORMER COLONIAL RULERS, AMONG ITS MEMBER --AND 2) DISCRIMINATING

AGAINST THE TRANSKEI BECAUSE OF ANTIPATHY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. MATANZIMA ALSO CHARGED THE UN WITH "ENSHRINING" SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENT ARTIFICIAL BORDERS BY
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REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSKEI'S EFFORTS TO REGAIN

SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS TRADITIONAL LANDS. MATANZIMA CHARACTERIZED THE UN AS A "HALL OF ANARCHY" AND DECLARED THE TRANSKEI WOULD CONDUCT ITS LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF THE WORLD BODY UNTIL WISER COUNCILS PREVAILED IN THE UN.

2. COMMENT: MATANZIMA'S COMMENTS ARE YET ANOTHER REPETITION OF THE ALREADY FAMILIAR LITANY--VOICED BY BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND TRANSKEIAN GOVERNMENTS--RATIONALIZING THE TRANSKEI'S BID FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. IN ESSENCE BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONTEND THAT 1) THE TRANSKEI'S PRE-INDEPENDENCE STATUS IS IRRELEVANT TO THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION AND 2) THE TRANSKEI, FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE, WILL MEET THE DEFINITIONS, BOTH DE JURE AND DE FACTO, OF A SOVEREIGN STATE.
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